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AT THEIR SESSIONS

IN COLUMBIA, (S. C.)

November 1838.

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COLUMBIA, (S. C.) Nov. 8, 1838. }  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  past 6 o'clock, P. M. }

The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia met, according to adjournment, and was opened by the Moderator, the Rev. S. K. Talmage, with a sermon, from Gen. 4th, 9th: "And the Lord said unto Cain, where is Abel thy brother? And he said I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?"

Constituted with prayer.

### PRESENT.

*From the Presbytery of South Carolina.*

MINISTERS—H. Dickson, S. B. Lewers, R. C. Ketchum, Edwin Cater.

ELDERS—A. Chambers, Aveleigh Church.

*From the Presbytery of Hopewell.*

MINISTERS—S. K. Talmage, S. J. Cassels, T. M. Dwight.

ELDERS—W. Shear, Augusta; S. Tenney, Athens.

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*From the Presbytery of Harmony.*

MINISTERS—W. Brearly, T. R. English, G. Howe, D. D., John Witherspoon, D. D., R. W. James, G. H. W. Petrie, A. G. Peden, W. M. Reid, D. McQueen, J. Brown, S. Donnelly, J. L. Bartlett, J. C. Coit, R. B. Campbell.

ELDERS—J. Aiken, Salem, L. R.; G. T. Snowden, Columbia; W. James, Darlington; Ant. White, Sumterville; L. Prince, Cheraw; Z. Perry, Beaver Creek.

*From Charleston Union Presbytery.*

MINISTERS—A. W. Leland, D. D., W. A. McDowell, D. D., B. Gildersleeve, E. White, T. Smyth, I. S. K. Legare, W. C. Dana, W. B. Yates, T. Magruder, T. H. Legare, J. Lewers

ELDERS—S. Glover, Orangeburgh; D. Ardis, Beach Island.

*From Presbytery of Georgia.*

MINISTERS—C. C. Jones. ELDERS—None.

*From Bethel Presbytery.*

MINISTERS—J. B. Davies, C. Johnston, J. L. R. Davies, J. H. Thornwell, J. Douglas, W. B. Davies, S. B. O. Wilson, P. E. Bishop, A. Williams.

ELDERS—R. Miller, Fishing Creek; A. McJunking, Cane Creek; S. Givens, Bethesda; Dr. J. B. Gasten, Cedar Shoals; Alex. Hineman, Concord; Wm. Hemphill, Catholic; F. H. Simrill, Ebenezer; John Miller, Bullock's Creek; W. Stringfellow Mt. Pleasant, T. L. Dualap, Lancaster.

*From Flint River Presbytery.*

MINISTERS—R. Chamberlain, J. S. Wilson, T. F. Montgomery, J. H. Saye.

ELDERS—None.

## ABSENT.

*Presbytery of South Carolina*—S. Davis, W. H. Barr, D. D., M. Waddel, D. D., J. B. Kennedy, J. Boggs, A. W. Ross, B. D. Dupree, J. L. Kennedy, D. Humphreys, I. W. Waddel, W. H. Harris.

*Presbytery of Hopewell*—E. Pharr, A. Church, D. D., N. Hoyt, S. S. Davis, C. P. Beman, H. Safford, H. C. Carter, C. W. Howard, F. R. Goulding, J. W. Reid, R. Hooker, J. H. George, J. B. Cassels, J. Baker, F. Bowman, H. Reid, J. Harrison, L. B. Clinton, J. G. Likens, T. P. C. Shelman, W. Quillin.

*Presbytery of Harmony*—R. W. Bailey, J. Harrington, R. S. Gladney, J. McFarland, C. L. R. Boyd, J. L. Wilson, J. DuBose, A. M. Egerton, M. D. Frazer, P. Pearson.

*Presbytery of Charleston Union*—B. M. Palmer, D. D., R. Post, D. D., W. S. Lee, E. Palmer, J. Wallace, J. B. VanDyke, A. Buist, D. Ball, G. W. Roggs, J. F. Lanneau, J. B. Adger, J. L. Merrick, J. A. Mitchell, A. Gilchrist, Z. Rogers, J. Lewers, E. T. Buist.

*Presbytery of Georgia*—W. McWhir, D. D., R. Quarterman, H. S. Pratt, H. M. Blodgett, B. Burroughs, W. Baird, J. C. Cozby, H. Galpin, I. S. K. Axson, J. L. Jones, J. S. Olcott.

*Presbytery of Bethel*—R. B. Walker, J. S. Adams.

*Presbytery of Flint River*—J. Brown, D. D., T. Goulding, D. D., M. Dickson, J. Warnock, J. C. Patterson, A. M. Mooney, J. Stratton, L. W. Corbin.

Rev. R. W. James was elected Moderator, and B. Gildersleeve, Temporary Clerk.

Synod then adjourned to meet in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

*Friday Morning, Nov. 9—9 o'clock.*

Synod met, and was constituted with prayer.—Present as last evening, together with Rev. S. S. Da-



vis, and Rev. J. J. DuBose, whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The minutes of last evening, and the minutes of the last stated sessions, were read.

On motion, the standing order of Synod for religious exercise was postponed till to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

Rev. J. Brecknridge, D. D. of the Synod of Philadelphia ; Rev. Francis McFarland, of the Synod of Virginia ; and Rev. Dr. Morrison, of the Synod of North Carolina, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The following Committees were then appointed :

On the minutes of the General Assembly—Ministers : S. J. Cassels, T. R. English, J. L. R. Davies. Elders : Wm. Stringfellow, A. Chambers.

On Bills of Overtures—Ministers : S. B. Lewers, S. K. Talmage, C. Johnston, Wm. Brearly. Elders : A. Chambers, Wm. Shear, Dr. J. B. Gaston ; who were directed to meet at the recess of this body, and afterwards on their own adjournments.

Judicial Committee—Ministers : Dr. Leland, H. Dickson, T. R. English. Elders : D. Ardis, and W. Hemphill.

Committee to make arrangement for religious service to-morrow morning—Dr. Howe, S. S. Davis, and L. Prince.

Committee to make arrangements for religious exercises in connexion with the congregation—Dr. Witherspoon, and Mr. Snowden.

Committee on the Narrative—J. H. Thornwell, J. S. Wilson, and Mr. Hineman.

Committee on Records of South Carolina Presbytery—T. R. English, G. H. W. Petrie, Mr. White.

On Hopewell—S. J. Cassels, T. F. Montgomery, and J. Miller.

Harmony—Dr. Leland, Mr. White, and Elder R. Miller.

Charleston Union—S. S. Davis, T. M. Dwight, and Mr. S. Tenney.

Georgia—W. B. Davies, W. M. Reid, and Mr. W. James.

Fliat River—P. E. Bishop, D. McQueen, and W. Stringfellow.

Bethel—H. Dickson, R. Ketchum, and Z. Perry.

A communication was received and read from the Synod of North Carolina, which was ordered to be put upon the docket.

On motion, a special committee, consisting of Mr. Thornwell, Dr. Leland, J. C. Coit, S. B. Lewers, J. S. Wilson, S. S. Davis, C. C. Jones, Messrs. Cham-Shear, Aiken and Glover, was appointed, for the purpose of taking into consideration the equalizing of the Presbyteries in this Synod.

The extract from the minutes of the Synod of North Carolina was then referred to this committee.

It was then moved that the same committee be instructed to take into consideration the expediency of applying to the next General Assembly for a division of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

The Committee of Publication presented their report, which was read and accepted.

A Committee of Finance was appointed, consisting of S. S. Davis, Mr. Tenney, and Mr. Perry, to whom was referred the report of the publishing committee, and the Stated Clerk's salary.

It was made the order of the day for statistical reports of Presbyteries to be received to-morrow morning at half past 9 o'clock.

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. McWhir, containing reasons for absence, which were sustained.

The S. B. of F. Missions reported in part, and their report contained the names of those whose term of office expires at the present meeting of Synod.

A committee of nomination was appointed, consisting of E. White, H. Dickson, and A. White, with instructions to report as soon as practicable.

It was made the order of the day for four o'clock this afternoon to elect members of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions.

The Clerk read a list of the names of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, whose term of office expires at this meeting of Synod—Whereupon, the roll was called to allow each member of Synod to nominate ; and it was made the order of the day for Monday morning at 10 o'clock, to go into an election of six ministers and four laymen for the three ensuing years.

The committee to nominate members of the Southern Board, reported a list of names, which was ordered to be posted on the door.

The committee on the History of the Church, presented their report, which was accepted. And, on their recommendation, the same committee, consisting of T. Smyth, B. Gildersleeve, J. Witherspoon, D. D., S. S. Davis, T. Goulding, D. D. and J. S. Wilson, was continued.

Mr. Wilson was appointed chairman of the committee to whom the Clerks of Presbyteries are enjoined to furnish all the information in their power. And it is also enjoined upon the Ministers of this Synod, and on the Elders of vacant churches, to prepare a sketch of their respective Churches and transmit it to the chairman.

Synod then had a recess to meet at four o'clock this afternoon.

*Four o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Church, containing reasons for absence, which were sustained.

The order of the day was taken up, which was the election of members of the Southern Board. Whereupon, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Magruder were appointed a committee to collect the ballots and declare the result.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary laid before the Synod a letter of resignation of Rev. C. C. Jones, Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity,—And in accordance with his request, it was



*Resolved*, That Art. 10th, sec. iv. of the Constitution, which is, "Any Professor intending to resign his office shall give six months notice of such intention to the Board of Directors," be dispensed with.

The resignation of Mr. Jones was then accepted by the Synod.

The committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 1, which was referred to a committee, consisting of H. Dickson, Dr. Leland, Mr. Brown and Mr. J. Miller. The committee appointed to collect and count the votes for members of the Southern Board for the three years ensuing, reported that the following were duly elected, viz :

Ministers—T. Smyth, J. Witherspoon, D. D., R. Chamberlain, S. K. Talmage. Elders, J. W. Simpson, G. T. Snowden, R. K. Hines, W. Stringfellow, W. Poe, and Wm. Dearing.

It was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock to-morrow, to hear the report of the committee on education.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

*Saturday Morning—9 o'clock.*

Synod met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Present as on yesterday, together with Rev. J. Lewers, and Rev. C. L. R. Boyd, and T. L. Dunlap, Elder of the church of Lancaster, Bethel Presbytery; whose reasons for not coming sooner were sustained.

The minutes were read.

The order of the day was taken up (viz :) the hearing of statistical reports of Presbyteries, whereupon,

The Presbytery of South Carolina reported that they consist of sixteen ministers, and have under its care thirty-seven congregations, two Licentiates, and one candidate for the ministry; that the Rev. S. Davis has departed this life; that they have licensed Mr. John

M. Kittrick to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Ministry ; and that they have installed the Rev. R. C. Ketchum Pastor of the church of Aveleigh.

The Presbytery of Harmony reported that they consist of 19 ministers, and have under their care 27 churches, 2 Licentiates, and 7 candidates for the ministry ; that they have dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. R. B. Campbell and the church of Beaver Creek ; and between Rev. C. L. R. Boyd, and the churches of Lebanon and Mt. Olivet ; that they have dismissed the Rev. A. M. Egerton to join the Presbytery of Hopewell ; and the Rev. M. D. Frazer, and Rev. C. L. R. Boyd, to join the Presbytery of South Alabama ; that they have received the Rev. J. Brown from the Presbytery of Fayetteville ; that they have received J. L. Bartlett from the Presbytery of Charleston Union, and ordained him as an Evangelist ; that they have received from the Seceding Church, J. Donelly, and licensed, ordained, and installed him as Pastor of the church of Beaver Creek ; that they have received James Rosamond, a candidate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, licensed him, and dismissed him to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Mississippi ; that they have licensed M. Peden and Wm. W. Eells, to preach the Gospel ; that they have ordained the Rev. J. C. Coit, and installed him as Pastor of the church at Cheraw ; that they have installed the Rev. P. Pearson as Pastor of the Midway Church ; that they have dissolved the New Hope Church : and that Scion Church has become extinct by the removal of its members.

The Presbytery of Charleston Union, through their Stated Clerk, presented the minutes of the General Assembly as their Report—offering as an apology, which was sustained, that the Presbytery had met and adjourned without doing any business, in consequence of sickness in Charleston, and the absence of many of their members—which was accepted ; and from which it appears that they consist of 25 ministers, and have seven churches and two licentiates under our care ; that

they have received Mr. T. H. Legare, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Harmony, and ordained him; and that J. J. Murray, a Licentiate, had departed this life.

The Presbytery of Bethel reported that they consist of 11 ministers, and have under their care 19 congregations; that they have received Rev. S. B. O. Wilson from the Presbytery of West Hanover; that they have installed the Rev. P. E. Bishop as Pastor of Ebenezer Church; that they have dissolved the pastoral relation of Rev. J. H. Thornwell with the congregation of Waxhaw, Lancasterville, Six Mile Creek; and also united the congregation, heretofore called Salem, to Bullock's Creek Church.

The Presbytery of Flint River reported, that they consist of 15 ministers, and have under their care 6 Licentiates, and 31 churches; that they have ordained L. W. Corbin; that they have also ordained J. H. Saye, and installed him pastor of the church at McDonough; that they have received under their care S. E. Robinson, a Licentiate of New Brunswick Presbytery; that they have licensed S. W. Erwin; and that they have dismissed the Rev. J. Gamble, to join the Presbytery of Hopewell.

From the Presbyteries of Hopewell and Georgia, there were no reports.

It was verbally reported to Synod that Rev. J. C. Cozby, of Georgia Presbytery, and Rev. L. B. Clinton, of Hopewell, had departed this life.

Reports on the State of Religion in the several Presbyteries, were called for, and referred to the committee on the Narrative.

It was made the order of the day for Monday morning to receive Reports from the committees on Presbyterial Records.

A paper was presented by the Rev. J. C. Coit, in relation to prevalent errors in the Church, in connexion with their bearing upon the Theological Seminary—which it was moved to commit; and, after some discussion, the motion to commit was waived, to allow Mr. Thornwell to present a substitute.

Mr. Thornwell's paper was read, and before any question was taken upon it, leave was granted for the Committee on religious exercises to report the order in which these exercises are to be conducted. Their report was accepted and adopted.

The Board of Missions presented their Report, which was read and accepted. It was then moved that the following preamble and resolutions, contained in their report, be adopted, viz.

"Whereas, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church has organized a Board of Foreign Missions, which is now in full and successful operation, and in which it calls for the co-operation of all its Judicatories.

And whereas this Synod cordially approves of the course of the Assembly, believing it to be the duty and privilege of our Church to engage in the great work of extending the knowledge of salvation to the ends of the earth.

And whereas, every effort has been made by this body in pursuance of existing relations to the Synod of Tennessee, to communicate with it fully in reference to a dissolution of our present connexion with the A. B. C. F. M., and our connexion with the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

And whereas, the present state of our Church generally, and of our Synod particularly, requires an immediate termination of this matter.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That this Synod do now dissolve the formal relation of the S. B. F. M., so far as they are constituent parts of it, as an auxiliary to the A. B. C. F. M., and do transfer it to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

*Resolved*, That a Committee be now appointed to report on the changes which may be necessary in our Constitution, in effecting this arrangement.

*Resolved*, That in forming our connexion we repeat our avowal of undiminished and affectionate regard for our beloved brethren and sisters now in connexion with the A. B. C. F. M. as Foreign Missionaries, and



are pledged to continue to them a measure of support, so long as they shall find it necessary, and believe it to be their duty to remain in connexion with it.— And further, that this change arises from no want of kind feeling towards the A. B. C. F. M., but from a principle of duty to our own Church, and a belief that we are called upon by every motive to come up to her assistance, in her most praise-worthy effort to fulfil her obligation to preach the Gospel to every creature, in obedience to the positive injunction of her Divine Master.

*Resolved, further,* That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the Stated Clerk of Synod to the Synod of Tennessee, to the A. B. C. F. M., and to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

*Resolved, finally,* That in order to render this change perfectly harmonious and agreeable to all our Ministers and Churches, that inasmuch as we shall continue to render a measure of support to our present Missionary brethren, those Churches and donors, who may wish, shall have the privilege of specifying the Missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M. in connexion with the Presbyteries of this Synod, now in the field, and the persons to whose support they wish their funds applied, and that all such funds shall be faithfully appropriated as desired, it being understood that all such funds shall be considered as given for the support of Missionaries now in the field, when the amount has not been otherwise received from the Churches now within our bounds.”

Which was adopted by ayes and nays as follows, viz:

*Ayes*—Dickson, S. B. Lewers, Ketchum, Cater, Chambers, Talmage, S. S. Davis, Shear, Tenney, James, Brearly, Howe, Witherspoon, English, Campbell, Petrie, Reid, Brown, Peden, McQueen, Dubose, Bartlett, Donnelly, Coit, Boyd, Aiken, Snowden, Wm. James, Laurens, Prince, Perry, A. White, Leland, McDowell, Gildersleeve, T. Smyth, J. Lewers, Ardis, J. B. Davies, Johnston, J. L. R. Davies, W.



B. Davies, Thornwell, Douglas, Wilson, Bishop, Williams, Miller, McJunkin, Givens, Gaston, Hineman, Hemphill, Simrill, J. Miller, W. Stringfellow, Dunlap, Chamberlain, S. Wilson, S. J. Cassels, Saye.—61.

*Nays*—E. White, I. S. K. Legare, Dana, Yates, Magruder, T. H. Legare, Glover.—7.

*Non Liquet*—T. F. Montgomery.—1.

Synod then had a recess to meet at 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

### *Three o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met and engaged, according to the order of the day, in religious exercises, consisting of singing, reading the Scriptures, prayer, and exhortation, in which the Moderator, the Rev. J. B. Davies, Mr. McFarland, J. Brown, and Dr. Breckinridge took part.

After these solemn and interesting exercises were closed, Synod appointed a Committee, consisting of Mr. Smyth, Mr. Thornwell, J. L. R. Davies, and Dr. Witherspoon, to propose such alterations in the Constitution of the Southern Board, as will adapt it to its present connexion.

The Committee of Education, which was appointed at the last meeting of Synod, presented their report, which was accepted, and a Committee to act for the ensuing year was appointed, consisting of Dr. Witherspoon, Dr. Leland, Professor Howe, C. C. Jones, John S. Scott, Wm. Law, T. Wells, Mr. Thornwell, and Mr. Martin.

The Committee to propose alterations in the Constitution of the Southern Board, offered their report, recommending several alterations, which were adopted, and the Constitution as amended was directed to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Board also offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Synod most earnestly commend the subject of Foreign Missions to the attention of the

Churches, and that a Committee to draft a Pastoral Letter on the great subject to be sent down to each of our Churches be now appointed.

*Resolved*, That the present state of the world, and the exigencies of the Missionary cause, calling for competent Missionaries, do call upon the members of the Synod, to take into consideration the question of their own personal duty in reference to this subject, and also to direct special attention to the bringing forward of suitable men for this great and good work.

*Resolved*, That the Synod earnestly recommend to all our Churches the observance of the first Monday of January next, as a day of Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer, for the conversion of the world, in conformity with the recommendation of the last General Assembly.

The Rev. Thomas Smyth, B. Gildersleeve, and A. W. Leland were then appointed a Committee to draw up a Pastoral Letter in accordance with these resolutions.

Adjourned to meet this evening at 7 o'clock.

*Seven o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

Rev. Francis McFarland, Corresponding Secretary of the General Assembly's Board of Education, by leave of Synod, presented a statement of the condition and prospects of this organization of the Church, when the following preamble and resolutions were adopted.

Whereas the Presbyterian Church has now a system of organization through which we trust we shall be able more extensively to send the Gospel to the perishing, both at home and abroad.

And whereas, the prosperity of the Board of Education of the General Assembly to which this Synod is auxiliary, lies at the foundation of the prosperity of all our Missionary operations, whether domestic or foreign.

And whereas, it is found from experience that the services of judicious and efficient agents, to a certain extent, are at present indispensable to the success of the benevolent operations of our Church, therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Synod will cordially co-operate *as an auxiliary*, with the General Assembly's Board of Education, and that our Committee on Education be instructed to procure the services of a suitable Agent for such a portion of time in each year, as the success of the cause, in their estimation, demands; it being understood that the said Agent, while operating within our bounds, shall be subject to the instructions of the said Committee, pay over all funds collected by him to their Treasurer, and receive from them a compensation in proportion to the time he may have devoted to the work in the bounds of this Synod.

And it is hereby earnestly recommended to all our Presbyteries, and Ministers, and Churches, efficiently to co-operate with our Education Committee and their agents.

These resolutions were adopted.

Synod then adjourned to meet on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

*Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.*

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of Saturday were read.

The Committee appointed to recommend some method of raising the amount due by this Synod for publishing the Minutes of last year, and for the salary of the Stated Clerk, being \$86, recommended the following distribution to the respective Presbyteries, viz. South Carolina Presbytery, Hopewell, Harmony, and Charleston Union Presbyteries, each \$14, and Georgia, Bethel, and Flint River, each \$10, which was adopted.

The Committee on the equalization of the Presbyteries, presented their report, which was accepted, and ordered for the present to lie on the table.

Committees on the records of Presbyteries reported as follows, viz.

On the records of Charleston Union Presbytery ; on the records of Bethel Presbytery ; on the records of South Carolina Presbytery ; on the records of Harmony Presbytery ; severally recommending that they be approved.

The Committee on the records of Hopewell, Georgia, and Flint River Presbyteries, reported that the records had not been put into their hands.

The order of the day was then taken up, which was the election of the Directors of the Seminary for the three ensuing years, and Mr. Douglas and Mr. Donnelly were appointed to collect the ballots and declare the result.

The papers presented by Messrs. Coit and Thornwell, in relation to the Theological Seminary, were referred to a special Committee consisting of Dr. Witherspoon, Mr. Thornwell and Mr. Coit.

The Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly, presented their report, which was accepted.

It was then moved that the report be taken up article by article, which was agreed to.

Mr. I. S. K. Legare then moved to postpone the consideration of this Report, for the purpose of taking up a substitute, which he submitted, and is as follows, viz :

“Whereas the spirit of religion and the cause of our Redeemer require that his Church should be pure, peaceable, and united ; and whereas that branch of it, with which we are connected, has become contentious and divided ; and whereas each division claims to be the true Presbyterian Church ; and whereas the General Assembly of neither sympathises with this Synod, in its peculiar interest on the subject of slavery ; and whereas the majority of both refuse to repeal the act of 1818, which declares every slaveholder to live in the open violation of the most sacred laws of heaven, and requires him to promote the abolition of every slave in his own possession, and through the world, therefore



*Resolved*, That the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia will no longer consent to take any part in this foreign and unhappy contention of the Presbyterian Church; which has already introduced somewhat of discord and division into the bosom of our once peaceful and happy Southern Church.

*Resolved* 2, That this Synod will and hereby do declare itself to be an independent Synod.

*Resolved* 3, That in doing this they act from a conscientious sense of duty to themselves, to the inhabitants of the States within their bounds, and to the Great Head of the Church—the Lord our Redeemer."

After discussion, the previous question was called for and decided in the affirmative.

The main question then came up, and the resolution was adopted, viz.

"*Resolved* 1st,—That this Synod recognize the last Assembly which met in the 7th Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, and of which the Rev. Wm. S. Plumer was Moderator, as the only true and proper General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

*Ayes*—Dickson, S. B. Lewers, Ketchum, Cater, Chambers, Talmage, S. S. Davis, Shear, Tenney, R. W. James, W. Brearly, Howe, Witherspoon, English, Campbell, Petrie, W. M. Reid, Brown, Peden, McQueen, J. J. Dubose, Aiken, Snowden, W. James, Prince, Perry, A. White, Donnelly, Coit, Boyd, Leeland, McDowell, Gildersleeve, T. Smyth, J. Lewers, Ardis, Jones, J. B. Davies, Johnston, J. L. R. Davies, W. B. Davies, Thornwell, Douglas, Wilson, Bishop, Miller, A. McJunkin, Givens, Gaston, Hineman, Hemphill, Simrill, J. Miller, Stringfellow, Dunlap, Chamberlain, J. S. Wilson, S. J. Cassels, Montgomery, Saye.—60.

*Nays*—Dwight, Bartlett, E. White, I. S. K. Legare, Dana, Yates, Magruder, T. H. Legare, S. Glover.—9.

The Committee appointed to count and collect the ballots for Directors of the Seminary for the three ensuing years, reported, that the Rev. S. J. Cassels, J.



Witherspoon, D. D., J. H. Thornwell, S. B. Lewers, N. Hoyt, and J. L. R. Davies, and that William King of Charleston, Chancellor Johnston of Newbury, and Wm. Shear, of Augusta, were duly elected, and that there was a tie between two other laymen. Whereupon the members of Synod were directed to prepare their ballots for one layman to complete the number required by the Constitution; and the same Committee reported that Mr. Thomas L. Dunlap was duly elected.

Their report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was again resumed, when it was proposed by the Rev. W. C. Dana to strike out all after the words "*resolved second*," and introduce the following substitute, viz.

"*Resolved* 1st. That we still, as heretofore, adhere to the Presbyterian Church, 'upon the basis of' the Constitution of said Church; which instrument expressly provides, that 'before any overtures or regulations proposed by the Assembly to be established as constitutional rules, shall be obligatory on the Churches, it shall be necessary to transmit them to all the Presbyteries, and to receive the returns of at least a majority of them, in writing, approving thereof.'

2d. That as the Constitution has thus effectually rendered null and void all such acts of the Assembly, as the excision of 60,000 Church members, without trial, and all such acts as the 'Reform Ordinance,' which provides for the expulsion from the Church of every Minister and member in it who will not consent to that excision—as it plainly declares such acts, passed by the Assembly alone, to be not 'obligatory on the Churches'—any attempt to enforce these acts, as if they were 'obligatory,' is a manifest usurpation, without any constitutional plea whatever.

3d. That the Reform Ordinance is still wholly without authority, having never been submitted for enactment to the Presbyteries—which alone, under the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, can make such an ordinance obligatory on the Churches.

4th. That officially to stigmatize any Minister or Church member as 'unsound in the faith,' or as an 'apostate from Presbyterianism,' or to declare any such 'out of the Church,' simply because they conscientiously adhere to the Constitution of the Church, rather than to the unauthorized and unconstitutional measures of the Assembly of 1837, and of the Reformed Assembly of 1838, is a procedure manifestly unwarrantable, unjust, and unchristian ; and is plainly made null and void by the Constitution.

5th. That the scheme of carrying party measures in the General Assembly by means of Conventions sitting with 'closed doors,' immediately before, and at intervals during the session of the Assembly, is subversive of Presbyterianism, and most detrimental to the peace and welfare of the Church.

6th. That inasmuch as the new system of Church government which the Reform leaders are now aiming to set up, is a total departure from the Presbyterianism of our standards—as it vests in the General Assembly absolute and uncontrolled legislative and executive, as well as judicial power, not only making it supreme over the Churches, but also placing it above even the Constitution—as it aims to perpetuate this supremacy by placing at the disposal of officers, appointed by the Assembly, all the charitable funds of the Church, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars annually—as it has already obtained extensive control of the religious press—as it is, in fine, a system of ecclesiastical despotism, destructive of the peace, purity, and spirituality of the Church ; every true Presbyterian, therefore, and especially every member of the Southern Church, is under the most sacred obligations to stand aloof from this new system of consolidated despotism, and to adhere firmly to the doctrines, and to the discipline of our beloved Church, as these are set forth in her acknowledged standards."

The question coming up on the motion to *strike out*, before it was taken, Synod gave permission to intro-

duce the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted.

Whereas, it is indispensable that permanency and system be given to the benevolent operations of our Church, that regular annual contributions be made by our Churches for Education and Missions, both Domestic and Foreign—And whereas, without some *plan*, it will be found that although there is no rivalry between these Institutions, but the most perfect cordiality and co-operation, their interest may conflict, and application be made for these different objects to the same Churches, about the same time, or in too quick succession. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed by this Synod to designate the times when the Churches belonging to the several Presbyteries will be expected to contribute to the cause of Education, Domestic and Foreign Missions.

Dr. Leland, C. Johnston, S. S. Davis, and J. S. Wilson, were appointed on this Committee.

Rev. A. G. Peden and Rev. C. C. Jones obtained leave of absence after this evening.

The question on Mr. Dana's substitute coming up, Synod refused to strike out, when the substitute was lost.

The second resolution on the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly, was then adopted by Ayes and Nays, and is as follows, viz.

*Resolved 2*, That Synod concur with the General Assembly in carrying out the reform of the Church upon the basis of 1837—38; that inquiries be now made of the Presbyteries whether any, and if any, what action has been had by the bodies on that subject, and that if any Presbytery be found delinquent, they be directed at the earliest practicable period to attend to this matter.

*Ayes*—Dickson, S. B. Lewers, Ketchum, Cater, Chambers, Talmage, S. S. Davis, Shear, Tenney, R. W. James, Brearly, Howe, Witherspoon, English, Campbell, Petrie, W. M. Reid, Brown, Peden, McQueen, Dubose, Aiken, Snowden, W. James, Prince.

Perry, A. White, Donnelly, Coit, Boyd, Leland, McDowell, Gildersleeve, Smyth, J. Lewers, Ardis, Jones, J. B. Davies, Johnston, W. B. Davies, J. L. R. Davies, Thornwell, Douglass, Wilson, Bishop, R. Miller, McJunkin, Givens, Gaston, Hineman, Hemphill, Stirrill, Stringfellow, Dunlap, Chamberlain, J. S. Wilson, Cassells, Montgomery, Saye.—59.

*Nays*—Dwight, Bartlett, E. White, Magruder, I. S. K. Legare, Yates, Dana, F. H. Legare, Glover.—9.

Synod then took a recess to meet at half past 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

### *Half past 3 o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met, and resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, when the following resolutions were adopted, viz.

*Resolved 3dly.* That Synod approve of the recommendation of the Assembly concerning the education of candidates for the Ministry in Presbyterian Seminaries, and also in reference to the Catachetical instruction of the young, and the doctrinal and biblical instruction of our entire congregations in the great principles of the Gospel; and they would enjoin upon all the Ministers under their care, a diligent attention to these recommendations of the Supreme Judicatory of the Church.

*Resolved 4thly.* That Synod approve of the organization, by the General Assembly, of the various benevolent enterprises of the day upon the Ecclesiastical principle of our Church, and they would recommend to all our Presbyteries and Churches to unite with that body in aiding and sustaining their various Boards of Education, of Foreign and Domestic Missions, of the Tract cause, and of Sunday Schools, now placed upon the approved basis of Presbyterianism.

*Resolved 5thly.* That the Southern Board of Missions, in conformity to the Minutes of the Assembly, be



directed to enjoin it upon all the Missionaries now in foreign lands, both in the organization of the Churches and in the formation of ecclesiastical relations, to conform as much as possible to the Presbyterian standards.

*Resolved 6thly.* That this Synod concur in the change of time in reference to the Monthly Concert, from the first Monday evening in each month, to the first Sabbath in each month, and that it be recommended to our Churches and Ministers to observe this change, and also upon all such occasions to take up collections in favor of Foreign Missions.

*Resolved 7thly.* That in compliance with the wishes of the Assembly, Synod enjoin it upon all the Presbyteries within our bounds, where the pastoral connexion exists between any of its members, and Congregational Churches, to use their influence to reduce such connexion to the order and government of the Presbyterian Church. Should their efforts, however, be in vain, Synod recommend that no decisive measures be adopted till the final action of the Assembly on the subject be taken.

*Resolved 8thly.* That according to the appointment of the Assembly, in the Pastoral Letter, it be recommended to all the churches under our care to observe the second Thursday in December next, as a day of "solemn humiliation, thanksgiving and prayer," in view of the events through which the Church has been passing—and that our congregations be assembled on that occasion for public worship.

By leave of Synod a preamble and resolutions were introduced, touching the organization of the last General Assembly, but before the question was taken on their adoption, Synod gave way to a motion for a recess, until 7 o'clock this evening, which prevailed.

*Seven o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met. Mr. Shear and Mr. Ardis obtained leave of absence after this evening.



The unfinished business, (which was the preamble and resolutions touching the organization of the last General Assembly,) was taken up, and after discussion, was adopted by Ayes and Nays, and is as follows:—

Whereas, a number of Ministers and Elders, who were delegated as Commissioners by their respective Presbyteries, as Commissioners to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which met in the 7th Presbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia, on the third Thursday of May last, in accordance with the provision of the Constitution, did then and there forcibly and disorderly withdraw and secede from the said General Assembly.

And whereas the aforesaid Commissioners to the General Assembly, with other Ministers and Elders aiding and abetting them in said disorderly conduct, did meet in the 1st Presbyterian Church in Washington Square, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Albert Barnes, and then and there claim to be, and proclaim themselves to the world to be the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in these United States.

Therefore, *Resolved*, 1st, That this Synod regard the conduct of said Commissioners, their co-adjutors and abettors, as highly disorderly and contumacious, and as a violation of their solemn ordination vow of submission to their brethren in the Lord, and to preserve the peace, purity and unity of the church.

*Resolved*, 2dly. That this Synod do regard all the Ministers and Elders, thus seceding, together with the Churches and Presbyteries which shall sustain and approve the conduct of their Ministers and Elders in said secession, as no longer in connexion with the Presbyterian Church, as formed and constituted, and (by the State of Pennsylvania) chartered, in these United States."

*Ayes*—Dickson, S. B. Lewers, Ketchum, Cater, Chambers, Talmage, Davis, Shear, Tenney, James, Brearly, Howe, Witherspoon, English, Campbell, Petrie, Reid, Brown, McQueen, Aiken, Snowden,

W. James, Prince, Perry, A. White, Donnelly, Leland, McDowell, Gildersleeve, Smyth, Lewis, Ardis, J. B. Davies, Johnston, J. L. R. Davies, W. B. Davies, Douglas, Wilson, Thornwell, Dickson, Miller, Bishop, M'Junkin, Givens, Hineman, Simrill, Hemphill, Dunlap, Jones, Chamberlain, J. S. Wilson, Cassels, Montgomery, Saye.—54.

*Nays*—Dwight, Bartlett, E. White, I. S. K. Legare, Dana, Yates, Magruder, T. H. Legare, Glover—9.

The committee to whom Overture No. 1, was committed, offered their report which was accepted.

The overture is an extract from the records of Bethel Presbytery, and is as follows:

“The committee appointed to draft a minute in relation to the validity of the Baptisms administered by the Preachers known by the title of the Independent Presbyterians, or the followers of W. C. Davis, who had been suspended and deposed by the Presbytery of Concord, have taken that subject under consideration, and find it difficult to come to a satisfactory opinion in regard to that matter, while we are clearly of opinion that their administration of the ordinances is attended with a high degree of irregularity, their ministers not having received what we regard a Scriptural ordination. But yet we are not well prepared to say how far this circumstance may vitiate, or render invalid, their administrations; and therefore we would recommend that this subject be sent up, by way of overture, unto the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, with a view to obtain an expression of the opinion of that body, in regard to this subject—which minute was adopted, and ordered that it be laid before the Synod at their approaching sessions.

Submitted in behalf of this Presbytery.

JOHN B. DAVIES, Clerk of Bethel Presbytery.

Nov. 3d 1838.”

The Report of the Committee was postponed, and the following resolution was adopted by the Synod as an answer to the Overture.

*Resolved*, That this Synod do not acknowledge as valid the ordinance of baptism, as administered by a deposed Minister, or by any one whom such deposed Minister may have ordained, or by a Layman.

A Committee consisting of Dr. Witherspoon and Mr. Cassels, was appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the views of Synod in relation to the Biblical Repertory.

It was made the order of the day for to morrow morning, at 10 o'clock, to hear the General Agent of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions.

Rev. Mr. Brown, Rev. Mr. Talmage and S. Glover obtained leave of absence after this evening.

The Report of the Committee on the equalization of the Presbyteries was then taken up, and on that part of it which relates to the division of the Synod the following resolution was adopted, viz.

*Resolved*, That application be made to the next General Assembly for the division of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, on the ground that a large number of the members of the Synod have found it exceedingly inconvenient, for some years past, to attend its stated sessions, owing to the vast extent of territory embraced within its limits. That it be overtured to the General Assembly to divide this Synod, and to constitute two Synods therefrom. The first to embrace the territory within the State of South Carolina, including the Ministers and Churches in connexion with the Presbyteries of South Carolina, Harmony, Charleston Union and Bethel, to be called the Synod of South Carolina. The second Synod to embrace the State of Georgia and the Territory of Florida, comprehending the Ministers and Churches in connexion with the Presbyteries of Hopewell, Georgia, and Flint River, to be called the Synod of Georgia. That the Synod of South Carolina shall meet in Columbia on the 2d Thursday of November 1839, and be opened with a sermon by the present Moderator of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, or the senior member present, who shall preside.

until a new Moderator be elected. That the Synod of Georgia shall meet in Athens, Geo. on the fourth Thursday of November 1839, and be opened with a sermon by Rev. Dr. Goulding, or the senior member present, who shall preside till a new Moderator be chosen.

*Resolved*, That the records and other papers of, and belonging to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, shall remain with, and become the property of the Synod of South Carolina, provided that the Synod of Georgia shall at all times have the privilege of consulting said records or taking extracts therefrom necessary in the transaction of its business.

It was referred to the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary to make the preliminary arrangements which will be rendered necessary in the event that this division is effected, in regard to the Seminary. It was also referred to the Board of Foreign Missions to make similar arrangements respecting that Board, so that both these institutions may be readily placed under the care of both Synods.

The remaining part of the Report of the Committee was taken up, and after discussion was indefinitely postponed.

Synod then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

*Tuesday Morning, 9 o'clock.*

Synod met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes were read.

The Committee of Overtures presented Overture No. 2, which was read and accepted, and after amendment it was referred to Dr. McDowell, Mr. Cassels, and Mr. Chamberlain.

The order of the day was then called for, when Dr. McDowell, General Agent of the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions, and also a member of this body, gave a statement of the condition, utility, and prospects of this Board; when the following resolutions were offered and adopted:

*Resolved 1,* That the subject of Domestic Missions, connected as it is, with the support of the ministry in our feeble churches and the supply of our extensive institutions with a preached gospel, and the ordinances of God's house, and connected too, as it obviously is, with the prosperity of all our Churches—is a subject of vast importance, and demands from this Synod more attention than it has hitherto received.

*Resolved 2,* That this Synod have heard with much satisfaction, and thankfulness to the great Head of the Church, of the present prosperity of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly of our Church, and to give evidence of our confidence in this Board, and the deep interest we feel in its prosperity, and also as in our view, the best plan for securing unity, and efficiency in the action of our churches on this important subject, this Synod do now declare themselves auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Gen. Assembly.

*Resolved 3,* That the Synod have heard with much satisfaction, that most of our Presbyteries are now in close connection with this Board, and are acting with some degree of efficiency in this matter, and they would earnestly recommend to all the Presbyteries under our care, as speedily as practicable to take order on this subject, and adopt measures to rouse their Churches to immediate, and efficient action.

*Resolved 4,* That the Synod having learned, that the Board of Missions have an agent within their bounds who is a member of this body, and has the entire confidence of the Synod, and who is now acting with efficiency in some of our Presbyteries, by their authority and under their direction—and anxious, that as far as possible there should be entire union on this great subject, throughout all their Presbyteries—they recommend to the Presbyteries, as far as they may find it necessary, and deem it expedient, to open the way for his acting in their churches—and this Synod do most cordially recommend to the confidence of all their churches, the Rev. J. S. Wilson, agent of the Board



of Missions—and, as far as the way is opened for him to the Churches or the Presbyteries, they most earnestly recommend him to their most cordial, and efficient co-operation.

*Resolved 5,* That with a view to give unity and efficiency to our operations, and to give effect to our auxiliary connection, this Synod appoint a Committee of Missions for the State of South Carolina, to be located in Columbia—and commit this whole business to said Committee, and they recommend a similar plan to be adopted by the Synod of Georgia—when that body shall be organized.

A Committee consisting of Dr. Witherspoon, Dr. McDowell, and Mr. Thornwell, was appointed to nominate a Central Committee of Missions.

The Committee to whom were referred the papers of Mr. Thornwell and Mr. Coit, presented their Report which was accepted.

It was then moved to adopt the Report; but before the question was taken, Synod had a recess to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

*Three o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met and took up the unfinished business, (to wit, the Report of the Committee on Mr. Thornwell's and Mr. Coit's papers,) and the discussion was continued until Synod gave way to a motion for a recess until 7 o'clock this evening.

*Seven o'clock, P. M.*

Synod met, and Mr. Brearly obtained leave of absence.

*Resolved,* That this Synod adjourn at the close of this evening sessions.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee of Missions, presented the following, which was adopted: "Rev. Dr. Witherspoon, Dr. Leland, Dr. Howe, Mr. Thornwell, Mr. Campbell, R. W. James, William

Brearily. Messrs. G. T. Snowden, D. Ewart, Wm. Law, Mr. Shannon, Mr. Scott, J. Martin, S. Crane. The Committee to appoint their own Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.—They recommend that the funds collected in the several Presbyteries in the State be paid to the Treasurer of this Committee, and to be expended, as far as needed, and unless otherwise directed by the donors, in the support of Missionaries in this State.

The Committee to meet on the adjournment of Synod, and afterwards on their own adjournment."

The Committee on the Narrative presented their Report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

### NARRATIVE.

The Committee on the Narrative beg leave to present the following report :

They have received only general, and, in many instances, very vague statements of the condition of the Churches and the prospects of the Gospel within our bounds. Among the circumstances which should call forth our sincere and hearty thanksgiving to God, are the remarkable and uncommon outpourings of the Spirit of God upon several of the largest Churches in Bethel Presbytery. Additions, much beyond the usual average, have been made to many of the Churches in all the Presbyteries, and the means of grace seem to be receiving an increased attention throughout our borders. Flint River Presbytery notices a gradual accession to the number of its Churches. South Carolina Presbytery records with gratitude the growing efficiency of its Eldership; and Harmony Presbytery rejoices in the general prevalence of family religion. All the Presbyteries, whose narratives have been presented to the Committee, testify to the increasing interest which is felt in Cataphetical and Bible Class instruction. These are the only facts peculiarly encouraging which the Committee can collect from various statements of the Presbyteries.

There are evils, however, prevailing in the Church which demand the special and solemn attention of the Synod.

1. The first is the spirit of emigration. Many congregations in the Western part of South Carolina have been almost broken up by the removal of their members into other parts of the country. A mere change of residence is not wrong in itself, but that emigration which is prompted only by love of gain, without any regard to the glory of God or the best interests of the Gospel, is not consistent with the duty or the profession of Christian men. If they break up the Churches that they leave, they should certainly be prepared to build others where they go. To remove to distant parts of the country without the Gospel, or without any reasonable prospect of securing its ordinances, is unfaithfulness to the Churches deserted, to the families of the emigrants, and to the general cause of religion. It is wrong for professed followers of the Lord, to wander about like lost sheep in the wilds of the West without a Shepherd to guide them, or a visible fold to contain them.

2. The second evil is the inadequate support of the Gospel Ministry. Pastoral relationships are sometimes constituted where the people do not intend to comply with their solemn engagements. Hence many of our Ministers are compelled to resort to secular avocations in order to support themselves and their families; and in consequence of this there is comparatively little efficiency in their ministrations of the Gospel and its ordinances. Many of the Churches, abundantly able to support a Pastor among them, fail to do it through the mere force of habit. In the days of their infancy and weakness they gave but little—their liberality did not expand as they increased in strength and resources and they now look upon a niggardly salary as a matter of prescription. Presbyteries ought to take order upon this subject and endeavour to bring the people to a knowledge and sense of their duty and their interest.

3. Another evil is the division of a Minister's time among too many congregations. Concentration of effort is needful to success—scattered labours can only produce scattered results. In many cases this division of a Pastor's time arises from necessity—the acknowledged weakness of the congregations concerned—in others it must be ascribed only to parsimony or the general prevalence of a worldly spirit. Weak congregations, when they can, would do better to secure aid from the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions than to receive assistance from neighbouring Churches by yielding a portion of their Pastor's labours.

4. Another evil is the great number of our vacancies. This is owing partly to a want of Ministers and partly to a want of the means of supporting them. In reference to the first—it is a plain duty of all the saints to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth more labours into the harvest—in reference to the second, to encourage and sustain the benevolent efforts of the Church to increase the number and efficiency of Ministers. Especially are the Churches called upon to sustain fully and liberally the Boards of Education and Missions, established by the Assembly, and the Theological Seminaries in which the doctrines of the Church are faithfully inculcated and pressed. We have a Theological Institution among ourselves which, we fondly hope, will prove a fountain of life and blessedness to the land and we would affectionately call upon the Church to sustain and support it by their prayers—and their liberal donations. It now requires aid, and aid, we hope, will be promptly afforded.

5. Another evil complained of by some of the Presbyteries is a disposition among professors of religion to engage in the vain amusements of the world. The spirit of levity and folly is inconsistent with the character of a Christian man. It should always meet with a faithful rebuke from the Church.

These are the most prominent facts which the committee have gathered from the narratives of the Presbyteries. While we rejoice in the good which has been



accomplished, we should deplore and endeavour to rectify the evils which mar the prosperity of our Zion.

The Committee on Overture No. 2, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overture No. 2, recommend that the resolutions in the Overture be adopted, in words following, viz.

*Resolved*, That the several Presbyteries in this Synod be directed each to elect annually at their Spring Sessions two Ministers and two Elders to attend the examinations in the Theological Seminary, and who, together with such Committee as may be appointed by the Board of Directors for the same purpose, shall constitute a Board of Visitors, which Committee shall prepare a full report of the examination before they separate, which report shall be presented to the several Presbyteries and to the Synod, and shall be published for the information of the Churches.

The Committee on making arrangements for the different Boards of the Church reported, and their report was indefinitely postponed.

*Resolved*, That the Missionary Chronicle, a monthly periodical published in New York, by the Board of Foreign Missions, of the Presbyterian Church, be recommended to the patronage of the Churches.

The Committee appointed to bring in a minute in relation to the Biblical Repertory, presented the following, which was adopted.

Whereas it is exceedingly important that the Biblical Repertory and Princeton Review, edited by the Professors and other gentlemen at Princeton, should receive an ample support, and should be extensively circulated and read in all parts of the Presbyterian Church, this Synod does again commend this invaluable journal to the attention and patronage of the Ministers, Elders, and intelligent laymen within our bounds. We commend it as a periodical of distinguished ability in the departments of Theology and Biblical Literature, and as the only Quarterly whose avowed object it is to

defend and explain the doctrines and institutions of the Presbyterian Church. And we earnestly request all our Ministers to obtain subscribers to this work and forward their names to Rev. James A. Peabody, the Proprietor, No. 29, Sansom-street, Philadelphia.

The Board of Directors presented their Report, which was accepted.

Synod then took up so much of the Report of the Board as recommends the appointment of a Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity, and appointed the following Committee to nominate, viz :

Rev. Samuel S. Davis, J. S. Wilson, Mr. Cassels, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Thornwell, Dr. Witherspoon, J. L. R. Davies, Mr. Prince and Mr. Coit. This Committee after withdrawing and deliberating, returned and reported that they had not been able to agree upon any individual whom they can propose to Synod ; and begged leave to be discharged.— Their report was accepted.

The unfinished business was taken up, (to wit) the report of the Committee on Mr. Thornwell's and Coit's papers ; and after full discussion it was adopted by ayes and nays, and is as follows, viz.

Whereas disputes and contentions which have existed among the members of the Presbyterian Church, have resulted in a division of our communion into two denominations, differing from each other, as we suppose, on topics of faith, involving essential elements of the gospel plan. And whereas, it is the duty of all the courts of the Church to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, we, as a Synod, feel called upon, in the present crisis of our ecclesiastical affairs, to bear this our solemn testimony for the truth as it is in Jesus, in opposition to the errors and heresies which are now abroad in the land.

1. It is a fundamental article of the Christian faith, that the guilt of Adam's first sin, is imputed to all his posterity, descended from him by ordinary generation, so that they are born in a state of condemnation and depravity ; that this imputation is immediate and direct,

having no reference to their subsequent concurrence in his sin by voluntary transgression, but founded solely upon the fact that he was constituted by the sovereign appointment of God, their federal head and representative.

2. It is a fundamental doctrine of the Gospel that Jesus Christ was actually the substitute of a chosen seed ; that he assumed their legal responsibilities and rendered a true and proper satisfaction to Divine justice on their behalf, by enduring the penalty of the law in their name and stead ; that the obedience and death of Christ, constitute the alone ground of a sinner's acceptance before God, and that "to all those for whom Christ purchased redemption, he doth certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same."

3. The inability of the sinner to comply with the demands of the Divine law, to believe the Gospel, or to exercise any holy affection, is absolute and entire ; so that regeneration is effected alone by the direct and immediate agency and power of God the spirit ; the subject of this work of grace being passive, in respect to the vital operation of renewing the heart. We believe, moreover, that the saving grace of God is always efficacious and invincible, and its final triumph sure.

4. We believe that the form of doctrine, usually called Hopkinsianism, though a milder form of error than Taylorism, or Pelagianism, is inconsistent with the Presbyterian standards, and if fully carried out in its consequences and results is utterly destructive of the fundamental principles of the Gospel.

5. This is our solemn testimony of the truths of the Gospel. And for the satisfaction of those brethren who have been perplexed with anxiety and doubt in regard to the Theological instruction which is given in our Seminary, we, the members of this Synod, including the Professors of the Theological Seminary, do pledge ourselves that no contrary doctrines shall be taught in that Seminary, or in our pulpits, and that, as Professors and ministers, we will endeavor to guard

our pupils and hearers against all the heresies condemned in this testimony.

*Ayes*—Dickson, S. B. Lewers, Ketchum, Cater, [Chambers, Cassels, Davis, Tenney, English, Howe, Witherspoon, R. W. James, Petrie, Reid, McQueen, Donnelly, Coit, Campbell, Dubose, Aiken, Snowden, W. James, A. White, Prince, Perry, Leland, McDowell, Gildersleeve, Smyth, J. Lewers, Ardis, J. B. Davies, Johnston, J. L. R. Davies, W. B. Davies, Thornwell, Douglass, S. B. O. Wilson, Bishop, Miller, McJunkin, Givins, Simril, Stringfellow, Dunlap, Chamberlain, J. S. Wilson, Montgomery, Saye.—49.

*Nays*—Dwight, Bartlett, E. White, I. S. K. Legare, Yates, Dana, Magruder, T. H. Legare.—8.

The following preamble and resolutions were then proposed and adopted.

Whereas the Synod have learned with deep regret, that, notwithstanding the repeated assurances to the Churches under our care on the part of this Synod, of their confidence in, and their high regard for the beloved Professors in our Theological Seminary, some few still entertain and express doubts of their soundness in the faith, and of their attachment to the discipline and order of our church, and,

Whereas the testimony now given by this Synod, to the truth as it is in Jesus, should be received with confidence by all our Churches, therefore,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to draft a letter to the Churches under our care, expressive of their unabated confidence in, and affection for these men of God, who are sedulously engaged in training up our pious young men for the office of the sacred Ministry, in our Southern Church and the world at large.

The Committee to draft the letter, consist of Dr. Witherspoon, Mr. Thornwell and Mr. Coit.

The following protest to the report of the Committee on Mr. Thornwell's and Coit's papers, which Synod has adopted, was then offered and ordered to be put on the Minutes.



"We, the undersigned, respectfully enter our Protest against the adoption by Synod of the paper presented by Mr. Thornwell, on the ground that said paper seems intended to be not an ordinary expression of the views of those who vote for it, but as a test of orthodoxy to the individual members of the Synod. Having reason to regard it as so designed, we feel ourselves bound to oppose its adoption, because we cannot sanction the introduction of any creed other than the Confession of faith of our church, which we sincerely receive and adopt—or the imposition of any new test of orthodoxy unknown to our standards.

We wish it to be distinctly understood that in voting against the adoption of said paper, we refer not at all to the exhibition of doctrine which it contains, but *solely* to the fact that, in the present position of this Synod, said paper seems, as already stated, to be designed by the mover as a test of orthodoxy, if not of adhesion to the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM C. DANA,  
T. M. DWIGHT,  
J. L. BARTLETT,  
WM. B. YATES,  
T. MAGRUDER."

*Resolved*, That as one of the departments in the instruction of the Theological Seminary is unprovided for by the resignation of the Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity, the Board be permitted, either to apportion the instructions given in this department between the remaining Professors or to provide them by the appointment of some suitable person or for persons to deliver a course of Lectures, on Church Government, and on the principal heresies which have prevailed in the Church.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Board to appoint a committee to publish, in connexion with the minutes of this Synod, and in any other form they may choose, so much of their minutes, and of the Reports of their Committees, as will give the Synod full information respecting the state and prospects of this Institution.

*Resolved*, That in case the next General Assembly should not divide this Synod, that it meet in the city of Augusta [on the 4th Thursday of November 1839, at half past 6 P. M.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be given to the citizens of Columbia for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this body during its present meeting, and that Dr. Witherspoon communicate the same to them in any form which he may choose.

*Resolved*, That five hundred copies of the Minutes of this Synod be published in their usual form—that Mr. Gildersleeve and Mr. Smyth be a Committee of publication ; and that should the Synod be divided, the expense incurred be equally divided between the two Synods.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

R. W. JAMES, *Moderator*.

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Temporary Clerk*.

## APPENDIX.

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### THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS :

Chancellor JOB JOHNSON, *President*.  
Rev. J. WITHERSPOON, D. D., *V. P.*  
Rev. B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Sec'y*.  
W. LAW, Esq. (Columbia,) *Treasurer*.

*Directors for three years.*

MINISTERS—S. J. Cassels, N. Hoyt, J. Witherspoon, D. D., J. L. R. Davis, S. B. Lewers, J. H. Thornwell.

LAYMEN—Hon. Job Johnson, of Newberry, Dr. T. L. Dunlap, of Lancaster ; Wm. King, of Charleston ; and Wm. Shear, of Augusta.

*For two years.*

MINISTERS—W. A. M'Dowell, D. D., B. Gildersleeve, A. Church, D. D., S. S. Davis, T. Smyth, I. W. Waddel.

LAYMEN—D. Ewart, of Columbia ; D. T. Wells, of do. ; E. A. Nesbit, of Macon, Ga. ; B. King of Liberty, Co, Ga,

*For one year.*

MINISTERS—R. W. James, J. B. Davies, S. K. Tal-  
mage, H. S. Pratt, C. C. Jones, A. Gilchrist.

LAYMEN—G. T. Snowden, of Columbia ; J. Cum-  
ming, of Savannah ; R. Cunningham, of Laurens, S.  
C., T. R. Vardell of Charleston.

*Faculty.*

Rev. G. HOWE, D. D. Professor of Biblical Litera-  
ture.

Rev. A. W. LELAND, D. D. Professor of Christian  
Theology.

———, Professor of Church History and Pol-  
ity.

A meeting of the Board was held in Columbia, on  
the 7th inst. and continued to sit at intervals, till after  
the adjournment of Synod.

The following are extracts from the Report of the  
Faculty.

*The Professors.*

“The Exercises of the Seminary have proceeded  
in their usual order, and instruction has been regular-  
ly communicated in the several departments.

The Professor of Biblical Literature, for the most  
part, has two exercises in the Seminary daily, with  
his classes ; and delivers weekly public Lectures to  
all the classes during the term. He has complied with  
the directions of Synod, at its last meeting, and has  
attended to the Senior Class in the composition and  
delivery of sermons.

The Professor of Didactic Theology meets his class  
es once a day, during the term, and hears recitations  
from the Confession of Faith. He attended the  
Junior Class in weekly recitations through Evidences  
of Revealed Religion, Inspiration and the Divine at-  
tributes. The middle and senior classes he conducted



through the course of Systematic Divinity ; and delivered to them Lectures two or three times each week upon the principal doctrines. He also led the two upper classes through a full examination of the Confession of Faith, the Discipline, worship, and order of the church, accompanying the latter subjects with instructions as to Pastoral duties.

The Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity, meets his classes three and four times a week ; and during the last term delivered a course of public Lectures, in part, on the Religious Instruction of the Negroes.

The Wednesday evening conference has been regularly conducted by the Professors ; and they have the satisfaction of believing that it has been attended with good effect upon the Seminary, both Faculty and Students.

The meetings of the Faculty have been always held as often as the Constitution requires, and at times oftener, according to circumstances.

The Professors have endeavored to maintain the discipline and order of the Seminary, and to carry out, as far as practicable, the desires of the Board in relation thereto.

### *The Students.*

The number of Students connected with the Seminary during the past year, is as follows :

### *Senior Class.*

Mr. Samuel Donnelly, a graduate of South Carolina College, and native of South Carolina.

Mr. William W. Eels, a graduate of Yale College, and native of Connecticut.

Mr. Mitchell Peden, a graduate of no College, and native of South Carolina.

Mr. James Rosamond, received from Princeton Seminary, a graduate of ———, and native of South Carolina.

*Middle Class.*

Mr. Augustus O. Bacon, a graduate of Franklin College, and native of Liberty Co. Georgia.

Mr. Richard W. Baker, received from Princeton Seminary, a graduate of Princeton College, and native of Liberty Co. Georgia.

Mr. H. B. Cunningham, a graduate of Washington College, Penn. and native of Ohio.

Mr. Lupton W. Curtis, a graduate of Union College, New York, and native of New York.

Mr. David Finley, a graduate of Franklin College, Georgia, and native of Georgia.

Mr. John Jones, a graduate of Franklin College, Ga. and native of Liberty County, Georgia.

Mr. Thomas L. McBride, a graduate of Franklin College, Ga. and native of South Carolina.

*Junior Class.*

Mr. Francis Cummins Baldwin, a graduate of Franklin College, Georgia, and native of Georgia.

Mr. William Banks, a graduate of Franklin College, Georgia, and native of South Carolina.

Mr. Madison W. McClesky, a graduate of East Tennessee College, Knoxville, a native of Georgia.

Mr. George W. McCoy, a graduate of Franklin College, Ga. and native of Georgia.

Mr. Hugh A. Munroe, a graduate of no College, and native of North Carolina.

Making, in all, *Sixteen*.

Of this number, two were received during the year; both from Princeton Theological Seminary; one into the Junior, and the other into the Middle Class, as stated in the preceding catalogue.

One was dismissed in regular standing, and with certificate of approbation and recommendation from the Faculty: Mr. A. O. Bacon—a member of the Baptist Church—at the close of the middle year.

Four were graduated in the Senior Class, at the close of their senior year, with certificates.

One, Mr. F. C. Baldwin, of the Junior Class, was called home in the early part of the year, by domestic affliction, and has not returned.

Leaving in regular connection with the Seminary, at the beginning of the present term, *Ten Students*.

The deportment of the Students, as far as relates to the observance of the rules and regulations of the Seminary, and attention to study, has, in general, been acceptable to the Faculty. They are respected by the inhabitants of the town, and their intercourse with them has been of the most friendly character.

There has been nothing remarkable in the *Religious State* of the Seminary ; the general deportment of the students, as Christians, has been creditable to their profession. The Saturday evening Prayer Meetings have been usually well attended ; at which also, the Professors have been occasionally present.

The Societies which exist among the Students, deserve a passing notice :

The Society of Inquiry respecting Missions, embraces all the Students, with here and there an exception. Connection with the Society is optional. This Society meets every month, and a dissertation is read on some subject connected with the great work of Christian Missions. Many of the inhabitants of the town attend these meetings ; and their influence upon the piety, intelligence, and zeal of the Seminary, is happy. This Society has a Missionary Museum, which occupies one of the rooms in the upper story of the large building. The contributions of curiosities from Heathen lands has necessarily been limited, and the collection is not large, though valuable. Missionary Museums, like all other Museums, are the growth of time.

The Reading Room, or Atheneum, stands in very near relation to the Society of Inquiry, and is of great importance to the Students : furnishing them with papers and periodicals, of various kinds, and from various parts of the country, thus enlarging their views, increas-

ing their intelligence, and enabling them to keep up with the progress of Literature, and of events both in the church and in the world. The Students have made alterations in the Reading Room, and been at considerable expense in fixing up desks and tables. The number of papers and periodicals is too small; and in consequence of the depressed state of the funds of the Seminary, the appropriation of the Board of Directors to the Atheneum was not called for.

A Tract Society, which originated in the Seminary, and is under the control of the Students, of some two years standing, has been productive of good, both to the Seminary and to the community around. The monthly distribution of Tracts, in connection with the inhabitants of the town, who have interested themselves in the Tract Society, has been continued through two terms very nearly. The visitors have embraced not only the whole town, but also the country in its vicinity, especially that denominated the Sand Hills. These monthly distributions will be recommenced ere long.

The Students have been connected with the Bible Society of Columbia in the circulation of the Scriptures.

On the Sabbath day, the members of the Seminary have been, during the past term, almost to a man, engaged in some good work.

They have the superintendence of, and conduct six regular Sabbath Schools, out of town; some on the east and some on the west side of the river; and there are two others also out of town, which they visit and conduct, irregularly. They have the superintendence of one in town, which has been collected and kept in progress mainly by their efforts: and render assistance to two others as teachers. They conduct Prayer Meetings at some of the places where the Sabbath Schools are held.

Through the efforts of one of the Students a comfortable house has been built by contribution, in the Sand Hills as a house of public worship, and for the



accommodation of a flourishing Sabbath School. The ground has been given by a gentleman in the vicinity, and the whole made over to the Board of Directors of the Seminary, in legal form. This house of worship is intended for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Sand Hills.

These items of information are communicated to the Board, that they may know somewhat intimately the spirit and efforts of the Students, and see that the Seminary, by the good hand of God upon it, must become more and more a blessing to the community in which it is located. We have only to regret that the field of influence opened to the Students is not larger.

During the vacation, two of the Students have prosecuted successfully agencies for the State Temperance Society of South Carolina, and for the Southern Board of Foreign Missions; while others have been associated with Ministers, rendering them assistance in Prayer Meetings, Bible Classes, and Sabbath Schools. We would deem it a kindness, on the part of settled Ministers, and vacant Churches, if they would, as it may suit their wishes and convenience, invite the Students to spend their vacations with them in the manner described. Some would be disengaged to entertain such invitations, and the result would be advantageous to all concerned.

Our Benevolent Societies, by applying a month or two before the close of the term, may generally be supplied with efficient agents.

The dress and appearance of the Students has been neat, without extravagance, and marked with sobriety.

The Professors take pleasure in stating that the Commons Hall, under the direction of a committee of the Students, has been conducted with economy and general satisfaction. All the Students boarded in Commons during the last term, with a few exceptions; and the average expense, during term time, for Boarding and washing, has been Eighty Dollars. It falls a little short of eighty, but that sum is stated for the sake of a round number; and it may be assumed as the yearly

average of the expense at the Seminary for Boarding and washing.

The other items of expense are wood, lights, clothing, and occasionally an article of furniture for rooms; this last item is trifling, for the rooms are generally furnished.

The Seminary Garden has been cultivated by the students, and the produce of it, contributes not only to the comfort and variety, but also to the cheapness of their living.

We acknowledge with gratitude to the giver of all good, that the health, both of Professors and Students, during the year, has generally been excellent.

The prospect of a respectable class, both in number, talent, and piety, for the present year, is very good—a circumstance most encouraging to the officers, the Board of Directors, the Synod, and the large number of our churches that cherish the Seminary in their warmest affections.

The new Students have come from a greater distance than usual, and from a greater variety of districts of country, and with feelings of confidence in the stability and sound orthodoxy of the Seminary; which gives us reason to believe that the Seminary is advancing in public estimation.

The following is a list of those who have already arrived, and commenced their studies:

Jas. B. Dunwody, Liberty Co. Ga., graduate of Yale College, Ct.

William P. Harrison, Jackson Co. Ga., graduate of Franklin College, Ga.

Neil McKay, Cumberland Co. N. C. graduate of Union College, N. Y.

Peter McNabb, Moore Co. N. C. graduate of no College.

M. A. Patterson, Moore Co. N. C. graduate of Nassau Hall, N. J.

Albert Williams, Athens, Ga. graduate of Franklin College, Ga.

James Woods, New Braintree, Mass. a year at Wesleyan College, Middletown, Ct.

[The names of eight or ten more were given, as confidently expected by the Faculty.]

The Resolutions adopted by the Board, at its last meeting, in relation to the students engaging in teaching, have been faithfully complied with.

1. No Student has engaged in teaching except by express permission of the Faculty.

2. Where such permission has been granted, there has been no violation of any Law of the Institution, and no interference with any of the regular exercises of the Seminary.

3. Two of the Beneficiaries were engaged in teaching during the last term, for a short time each day, and they were permitted to do so, for special reasons in their case, deemed satisfactory by the Faculty, and which it is not necessary to introduce in this report.

Two others were also engaged for a short time, by permission of Faculty, and for satisfactory reasons.

The Professors are happy to state that the *evil of Teaching* was greatly, if not altogether abated the past year; and now that the whole subject is referred by the Board to "the discretion of the Faculty, under the provisions of the Constitution," no farther difficulty may be apprehended."

*Report of the Committee of Ways and Means adopted by the Board.*

Amount of funds invested in S. Carolina permanent funds, as per report of last year,	\$29,464 50
Received since and invested,	1,922 50
Total,	<hr/> \$31,387 50
Amount of funds in the Georgia permanent fund, per report of last year,	\$26,784 88
	<hr/> \$58,171 88

*Scholarships.*

Scholarship of the Congregational and Presbyterian Female Education Society of Charleston,	\$2,500 00
Lanneau Scholarship,	3,000 00
Nephew Scholarship,	2,500 00
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	\$6,000 00

A report has been received from Mr. Robert Campbell, a member of the Investing Committee in Georgia representing the funds and securities the same as last year ; but no communication from either of the other members of that Committee. Your Committee are therefore without any information, as to the funds that may have been received by that Committee. We suppose it probable funds have been received, but we know not to what amount, if any.

Buildings and land belonging to the Seminary, valued at	\$15,000 00
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*Contingent Fund on hand or will be available during the year.*

Now in the hands of the Treasurer,	245 00
Supposed avails of the permanent funds up to October 1, 1839, say	3,000 00

*Amount to be provided for to meet expenditures of the year.*

Professors' salaries due since October 1st, 1838,	1,500 00
Do. up to October 1st, 1839,	4,000 00
Three years interest will be due this year to Mrs. Hall, and should be paid, amounting, say to	1,200 00
For buildings, repairs made last year, unpaid,	123 00

Appropriation for the present year,	200 00
Library for last year, unpaid,	40 00
Borrowed from Bank to meet contingencies of last year,	1,300 00
Total,	<hr/> \$8,373 00

In addition to the foregoing sum of more than \$8000, which will be necessary to meet the interest of our debt for the buildings and the current expenditures of the year, there is a debt still due for our buildings and lands, amounting to \$7,996 80. The Committee feel that it is important this debt should be paid, as speedily as possible.

In view of the foregoing statement, it must be obvious, efforts will be needed to raise funds. Our Permanent Fund is as yet small. The whole yields an interest barely sufficient for the support of two professors. A third Professor, whose services are deemed essential to the prosperity of the institution, is entirely unprovided for, and no provision is made for necessary expenses connected with buildings and the Library. The Committee believe, that for the full endowment of the Seminary double the amount, now funded, is necessary. And the Committee also believe that the present state of the Seminary demands a special effort for its complete endowment, and they think the time has fully come when such effort should be made. In addition to what seems imperatively demanded for the increase of our permanent funds, a large amount will be required to meet the debt now due, and the necessary expenses of the year.

To meet the present exigency, two plans suggest themselves—the first is, a call upon the Churches, through their Pastors. The second the appointment of an Agent, who shall devote himself to this work, and continue in it, if desirable and practicable, until the work of endowing the Seminary is completed. The former plan, the Committee think, will not at all meet the exigency. Past experience clearly proves



to us, that appeals to the Churches, without an Agent, will accomplish but little. The Committee, therefore, are of the opinion that the latter plan, or the appointment of a suitable Agent, to give himself wholly to this work, is not only the preferable plan, that holds out any reasonable promise of accomplishing the object.

The Committee would therefore recommend that the Board *immediately*, or as soon as a suitable person can be agreed upon, appoint an Agent for one year, to collect subscriptions and funds for the objects specified—and that the whole business of collecting funds be committed to such Agent."

In accordance with the suggestion of the Committee of Ways and Means, the Board appointed the Rev. J. J. Dubose and the Rev. John Winn as Agents, with a view to the full endowment of the Seminary—the one for the State of South Carolina and the other for the State of Georgia.

Rev. S. J. Cassels was authorized to receive all monies due on subscriptions in Macon, Ga., and vicinity—Rev. Francis Bowman to receive all monies due on subscriptions in Greene County, Ga., and Samuel Dowse, Esq. to receive all monies due in Burke County, Ga.

The remaining unpaid subscriptions on the Northern Professorship, were placed in the hands of the Rev. S. S. Davis, and Rev. George Howe, with instructions respecting their collection; and Dr. Lynus Stevens of New York was appointed the Agent to whom such subscriptions may be paid.

Information was communicated to the Board that Bayard E. Hand, Esq. one of their number, had departed this life, whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the Board have received with sincere regret the intelligence of the death of B. E. Hand, Esq. one of the Investing Committee in Georgia, and entertain a grateful sense of his disinterested efforts in behalf of the Seminary.

*Resolved*, That the legal representatives of Mr. Hand be authorized to commit to the Rev. C. C. Jones

the books and papers relating to the investment of funds in Georgia, belonging to this Institution, and that Mr. Jones transfer them to the person who may be appointed on the Committee of Investment for Georgia, in the place of Mr. Hand.

Synod having accepted the resignation of Rev. C. C. Jones, Professor of Church History and Polity, and failing to elect another in his place, Rev. Dr. Witherspoon was requested to deliver a course of Lectures on Church Government and Polity.

It was referred to the Executive Committee in consultation with the Professors to provide for further instruction in the vacant department of the Seminary.

It is due to Professor Jones and to the Seminary, that his letter of resignation should be published, and it is here annexed.

RICEBORO', LIBERTY Co., Ga. October 1, 1838.

To the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

*Gentlemen and very dear Brethren,*

When it pleased the Synod some three years ago to elect me to the Professorship of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity in our Theological Seminary, after mature deliberation, I respectfully declined. The Executive Committee did not receive my answer as final, but left the office open to me until the next meeting of Synod. The acceptance of the office was urged upon me so frequently and by so many friends during the year, that I was induced to reconsider my decision. At the meeting of Synod in Milledgeville, it was the request of the Board of Directors that I should accept the appointment. After a free conference with the Board the matter was laid before Synod, and my election unanimously adhered to, with many grateful expressions of confidence in me from that venerable body.

Evenly balanced as the question of duty at that moment appeared to be, it did not seem proper that I should resist such an exhibition of union of opinion,

of confidence and kindness of feeling, from so large an assembly of Fathers and brethren. I accepted : relying more upon the judgment of Synod, than upon my own, willing at least to make the experiment.

I have now been nearly two years connected with the Seminary, and my convictions in relation to the connection are such, that I desire its termination, *and do hereby respectfully tender to the Board of Directors, and through them to the Synod, my resignation from and after the first of October, or the date of this communication.*

It is unnecessary for me to trouble the Board with reasons in detail which have induced me to tender my resignation. Many of the reasons were laid before the Board when I first declined the office : they continue to exist, together with others of a personal nature, some of which existed from the beginning, and others have originated since my connection with the Seminary, I beg leave, however to state, and to have it *distinctly understood*, that my resignation results in no degree from any disaffection towards the officers or Directors of the Seminary, for whom I entertain sentiments of high esteem : nor from an impression that the Seminary may not flourish ; or that it may be dispensed with ; by no means. My opinion on these points has been long known to my brethren, and it remains unchanged.

It will subject myself and family to great inconvenience to remain in Columbia during the six months notice of resignation provided for in the Constitution of the Seminary, and it will be a kindness on the part of Synod to release me from and after the *first of October.*

The Board will oblige me by laying this resignation before the Synod at as early a day after they meet as may suit their convenience, and by obtaining as speedy action upon it as shall consist with other business before that body. I shall leave home for Columbia, so as to be present at the opening of the term, and shall continue to discharge the duties of my office until the meeting of Synod.

Allow me to say in conclusion that I shall ever retain the liveliest sense of the kindness and confidence of Synod, and shall continue as heretofore, to take a deep interest in our Seminary, and trust that I shall never be wanting in such effort to sustain it as may lie within my power.

Accept individually, gentlemen, and very dear brethren, my sincerest respect and affection.

CHARLES COLCOCK JONES."

The Board stands adjourned to meet on the Wednesday evening preceding the next meeting of Synod.

B. GILDERSLEEVE, *Sec'ry.*

## PASTORAL LETTER

TO THE CHURCHES WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

*The Synod of South Carolina and Georgia to the Ministers and Churches under its care.*

VERY DEAR BRETHREN,—By the report of our proceedings you will have understood that, in addition to other weighty and important business transacted in this Synod, the subject of Missions received special consideration. Five years ago this Synod unanimously resolved that it would consecrate itself to the great work of spreading the knowledge of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God throughout the world.—The Southern Board of Foreign Missions was at that time organized; and as there was no channel by which the stream of our benevolence could flow through our own beloved Church, it was poured into the fountain of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. To this Board we have handed over our contributions and given in trust some of our most valued and beloved brethren, who are now laboring zealously and successfully at different Missionary stations in different countries.



Since that time our Church has been more generally awakened, by the appeal of dying millions, and the loud call of her ascended Saviour. She has now come up to the help of the Lord, and to the relief of the perishing heathen, in her distinctive character, by "pledging herself in the fear of God, to the Missionaries, and to the heathen world, that by the favor of the Almighty King of Zion, she will go forward in this cause, and employ all the means which He may put at her disposal in prosecuting the enterprise before her, and praying that the whole Church with one heart and one soul may come up to the performance of this great work."\*

This pledge we have felt called upon as members of the body, the Church, and as fellow-heirs with her to the glory of success or the shame of defeat, to redeem; this prayer our spirit has been stirred within to answer with a loud and hearty Amen.—And now we are permitted to hear of and to see what our eyes have long desired to see, and our ears to hear, even a Southern Board of Foreign Missions, in co-operation with a Board of Foreign Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. We therefore reiterate the fervent prayer that every Church under our care may, with a heart and one soul, enter upon the prosecution of this great work, and would urgently invoke every Minister, Elder, and professing Christian to co-operate with the Church, as she is a co-worker with God, in the great work of the conversion of the world.

Let us, brethren, recall to your memories the exhortation addressed to you on this subject five years since, and entreat you to give it a renewed and prayerful consideration. In the present aspect of affairs there are three additional considerations which we could affectionately press upon your attention.

I. As a denomination the Presbyterian Church ever has labored for the spread of the Gospel through-

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\* See Minutes, p. 54.



out the world. It is not only true that as a Church she existed in Apostolical times—and has continued to exist in more or less publicity ever since—it is also true that whenever she had the ability, and the opportunity, and vital warmth sufficient to animate her body, she has manifested a zeal for the promotion of the glory of God in the extension of the knowledge of his glorious Gospel.

The Scots of Ireland and Caledonia, who were brought to the knowledge of the truth in the first century, retained that form of doctrine and of discipline which they had received from Apostolic men, and never wholly forsook it even in the darkest hour of Romish or Prelatic persecution. They were distinguished by their rigid attachment to Presbyterian principles, and by their Apostolic zeal to propagate the Gospel.—Previous to the time of Columba, Celestus, Cetaldus Fridoline, and many others, had journeyed into foreign parts that they might there advance the cause of Christ. St. Giles was instrumental in converting many thousands in Switzerland to the Christian faith. The spirit of the Culdees extended the knowledge of the Gospel not only over Scotland and Ireland, and part of England, but into many foreign nations whom they were chiefly instrumental in converting. “Why speak I of Scotland? almost that whole nation,” says Hericus, in the days of Charlemagne, “setting at nought the perils of the sea resort to our country.” Perhaps more was done by our Presbyterian forefathers to preserve the light of truth amid the dark ages than by all Christendom besides.\*

A Society was formed by the Presbyterians of Ireland in 1709, for propagating Christian knowledge.—Funds were transmitted to a Board of Correspondence in New York, by which the Rev. Azariah Horton, of the Presbytery of New York, was employed among the Indians on Long Island, and by which afterwards the Rev. David Brainard was supported in his Missionary

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\* A more full investigation of this subject is reserved for some fitting opportunity.

labors. At this time the Church of Scotland, as a Church, is actively engaged in Missionary labors. By its very Constitution the Presbyterian Church in America is a Missionary organization. The Constitution says, "the General Assembly may of its own knowledge send Missionaries to any part to found Churches and to supply vacancies." And this is a power which has been in some measure exercised since the very organization of the Church. By the overture of the late Dr. Rice, left behind him to be submitted to the General Assembly, it is resolved, "that the Presbyterian Church in the United States is a Missionary Society, the object of which is to aid in the conversion of the world, and that every member of the Church is a member for life of said Society, and bound, in maintenance of his Christian character, to do all in his power for the accomplishment of this object." By repeated subsequent declarations, as well as in organizing the form of government, the Church has solemnly recognized the importance of the Missionary cause and her obligation to promote it. More than ninety years ago our Church was found interested in sending missions to the heathen, even before she had become large enough to form a General Assembly. We might point to the New York Missionary Society of 1796, the Northern Society of 1797, the United Foreign Missionary Society of 1818, the Missionary Society of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, formed in 1819, and which operated several years ago within the bounds of this Synod, and the Western Foreign Missionary Society, as proofs of the Missionary spirit of our Church; and that she has not done more in this cause has been owing to the pressing claims of her Missionary operations in our own country. There has, however, been an increasing desire in the Presbyterian Church for many years past, to enter more fully in her distinctive character upon the fulfillment of what she has ever recognized as her bounden duty, the preaching of the Gospel to every creature.\*

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\* See evidences of this fact in Biblical Repertory, June 1837, p. 121.

As early as the year 1828, this desire was publicly manifested,† while its accomplishment was anxiously sought by many Missionaries now laboring in foreign lands, under the A. B. C. F. M. The extent to which this feeling prevailed is now apparent in the present happy results to which, by the good providence of God, it has so auspiciously led.

You are therefore called upon, beloved brethren, as ye would walk in the example and carry out the spirit of the Presbyterian Church, in all past time, to enter upon this work of foreign missions with all your heart, and soul, and strength, and mind.

H. To the diligent discharge of this most important duty, you are encouraged by the fact, that as a denomination, the Presbyterian Church is now fully consecrated to this work.

At the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, it was unanimously

**"Resolved, By the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.**

1. That we would acknowledge the favor of God, in permitting our beloved Church to engage in the work of Missions; and we would desire to have our own hearts and the hearts of all our people, constantly impressed with the solemn truth, that the conversion of the heathen to himself is God's work, and that every thing in relation to its beginning, its progress, and its completion, proceeds from him, and to him is due all the glory.

2. That for the salvation of the world, God employs the agency of his church and people, and has united the means and the end together; and that he who disregards this arrangement, and withholds his aid and assistance, especially at such a time as this, fails in his duty to God and to the benighted heathen.

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† The following resolution was passed by common consent by the General Assembly of 1828:

**"Resolved, That the Board of Missions already have the power to establish Missions, not only among the destitute in our own country, but also among the heathen in any part of the world," &c.**

3. That it has always been the duty of the Church to make known the Gospel to all the world ; und in this day of light, with such facilities for this purpose, and so many calls and openings of Divine Providence, this duty is greatly increased ; and no Church which neglects it can expect the blessing of God upon her interests.

4. That as the Presbyterian Church is engaged in this great work, and as the harvest is perishing for want of labourers, every member of the Church is called to increased exertion in behalf of our benighted fellow men.

5. That in view of all these considerations, it is the duty of the Presbyterian Church to provide the means necessary to send out and support every properly qualified foreign missionary that may be accepted by the Board ; and the General Assembly would solemnly remind the members of the Church, that all are required, by the word of God and their covenant engagements to him, according to their talents and means, to do what they are able, to promote the glory of God, by sending the knowledge of the glorious gospel to the benighted heathen.

6. That the preaching of the gospel by the living teacher, is the principal instituted means for the conversion of the souls of the perishing heathen ; and in connexion with this is the great duty of training up a native ministry ; and the General Assembly have seen with approbation the prominence given to these vital principles in the report of the Board.

7. That for the purpose of disseminating information in relation to Foreign Missions, it be recommended to the ministers and elders of the Churches to make an effort to increase the circulation of the Foreign Missionary Chronicle.

8. That we regard with sincere interest, all the efforts of the different Foreign Missionary Institutions, to make known the truth as it is in Jesus Christ to the heathen ; and we recommend it as a duty binding upon all these institutions, to cultivate the best understanding with each other, in carrying forward the same great cause.



And on motion of Mr. Breckinridge,

*Resolved*, 9. That in view of the solemn principles and facts now declared, the General Assembly would urgently invoke all the ministers of the Presbyterian Church, and especially such as are not now laboriously engaged in the appropriate work of the Gospel Ministry to come to the help of the Church, in the great work of converting the world."

With this organization the Central Board of Foreign Missions, including the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia, and the Southern Board of Foreign Missions, including the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, have now united. It had already embraced the Western Board of Foreign Missions, including the Synod of Pittsburgh and other portions of the Church. So that at this time every portion of the Church may be regarded as being more or less fully organized in one united Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. The amount received by this Board for the year ending May 1, 1838, was \$44,405 17, while in reliance on the faith and energies of the Church, it has contemplated an expenditure this year of \$80,000.—To meet a due proportion of this amount, for the appropriation of which the Lord has opened up the way and provided the Missionaries, you are, brethren, called upon. We confidently hope, as we earnestly pray, that you will not be found wanting, but, that with a liberal hand you will pour out of your abundance into the treasury of the Lord.

III. We have thus shown you, brethren, that, as a denomination, the Presbyterian Church ever has been characterised by a Missionary spirit—and that she is now, in a peculiar manner, devoted to the Missionary work. We would only further add, that were it not so—were the reverse true—and could it be said of her that she has been hitherto utterly regardless of her duty, and her privilege to engage in this blessed enterprise, it is no less certain, that as a Church of Jesus Christ, the Presbyterian Church is now under imperative obligation to labor for the spread



of the Gospel throughout the world. She has the ability to do this. She has the opportunity of doing this. The necessities of the heathen world, in comparison with the wants of this country, imperiously demand her immediate attention and relief. Now ability, opportunity, and necessity, clearly point out what is duty, and unequivocally pronounce the work of foreign missions to be the duty of the Church.— Love to God and love to man, which is the great commandment of heaven, demand its hearty fulfilment. “The Gospel,” we are assured, “must be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations,” that God may gather together in one heavenly family those “who shall be to the eternal praise of the glory of his grace; whom he hath not appointed unto wrath but unto salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, that they, with us, may receive an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith which is in Christ Jesus.” This treasure God hath committed to his Church, which is to be “the pillar and ground of the truth,” and which is as “an angel having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.” To the diligent discharge of this duty she is urged by the authority and command of Him who is “Head over all things to the Church,” in that commission which is the magna charta of her privileges and hopes. “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you; and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” The Presbyterian Church, believing that she holds that blessed Gospel in its purity—believing that her principles and ordinances are those commanded by the Saviour—is under solemn and untransferrable obligations to carry these doctrines and to carry these principles and ordinances, as far as God gives her ability and opportunity, to every creature. She must either lie unto God in declaring this to be her belief and hope, or she is responsible to God for its faithful promulgation to

the ends of the earth. This work none can do for her. This work she can entrust to none. This work she must herself perform. It is not a work in which she can meet the world, or other denominations, "in unity of spirit," having one faith and order, and therefore not in the bonds of peace. The peace, therefore, as well as the purity of the Church demands her separate engagement in this heaven-commanded enterprise.

Neither can she rally to the standard of the cross, her numerous host in any other way than by unfurling her own gospel banner, and summoning them by that voice which they are, or they should be, at least, taught to hear and reverence. To concentrate the power and energy of the church, she must, therefore, march to the battle field, at the hazard of her own honor or degradation, and in compatrioted league with the other tribes of Israel, wage warfare against the powers of darkness. And as the church is responsible to God, to the heathen, and to her members, for the men she commissions, the doctrines she propagates, and the practices she sanctions, it is absolutely necessary that she should herself superintend the preparation of her soldiery—the construction of their armor—the order of their march—that having used all vigilance, and done all within her power, she may be able to stand unblameable in the great day of reckoning.—Imprudent or unfaithful Ministers at home—erroneous doctrine when preached at home—erroneous practices and measures, when pursued at home—may be detected, condemned, and their injurious consequences, in a measure at least, avoided. But, in a heathen land, they will lay the foundation of the church in rottenness—they will not only injure or destroy an existing generation, but carry death and destruction through all coming ages.

But enough has been said to show the undeniable obligation of the Presbyterian Church, as a church, to engage heartily, and in good earnest, in the work of Foreign Missions. And were there no higher motive

to actuate her, consistency alone would arouse her torpid spirit. In contrast with other denominations, we might say, if unengaged in this duty, "We alone are idle"—We alone slumber and sleep, while they are on their way to meet the coming bridegroom. But it is not so. Thanks be to God it is not so. There is a breathing of the Spirit among us. There is a movement in the camp. We hear the pass-word echoing from lip to lip, and from rank to rank: "Go forward—go forward," The shout of the King is among us—The Captain of our salvation summons us—His inspiring voice has been heard, saying unto us, "Go, and lo I am with you." "Awake then! awake, O arm of the Lord! put on thy strength; awake as in the ancient days, in the generations of old."

That you may thus fulfil your high calling, Brethren, and prove yourselves to be faithful in this holy war, let us entreat you—

First, to see to it that this subject is brought before you churches, at least once in every year, at some stated and regular time.

Second. Be unfailing in your punctual observance of the Monthly Concert for prayer for the spread of the Gospel.

Thirdly. Let every Minister, Elder, and Member of our churches, who can possibly afford it, become subscribers to the Foreign Missionary Chronicle, and to the Missionary Herald.

Fourthly. Pray fervently, continually, and importunately, that the heathen may be given to Christ as his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth as his possession.

Fifthly. Let each man lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that he may have to give to him that asketh him, abundantly, knowing that as we have freely received, we should as freely give.

Finally. Shut not your ears against that loud call which addresses you individually, saying, "Go," "Go," "Go"—and tremble lest, like Jonah, while

you say "I cannot go—I cannot go," you be found fighting against God, and his curse rest upon you.

May God bless you and us abundantly. May he pour out his spirit upon us, and upon all flesh." Hasten the time, O Lord, how long. Revive thy work, O Lord, in the midst of the years. In wrath remember mercy."

In the name, and by the order of Synod, we remain,  
dear Brethren, affectionately,

Yours,

THOMAS SMYTH,  
A. W. LELAND,  
B. GILDERSLEEVE.

#### REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed at the sessions of Synod held in November last, to take charge of the whole business of aiding indigent and pious young men in their preparation for the Ministry, offer the following Report.

Immediately after the rising of Synod your Committee entered upon the duties assigned to them.—On receiving the accounts and statements of the former agent of the Board of Education, your Committee were informed that he had found it necessary, in order to sustain your Beneficiaries, to obtain a loan of fifteen hundred dollars for which he had given his notes—one to Mr. Campbell for one thousand dollars, and another to the Ladies Education Society of Augusta, for five hundred dollars. Some other demands existed, for cash advanced and supplies afforded to Beneficiaries in 1837, amounting to about four hundred dollars. So that although the former Agent gave up his claim for more than five hundred dollars, the debts including interest amounted to nearly two thousand dollars.—These debts your Committee assumed and became responsible for their payment, as soon as they should be in funds for that purpose.



As there were sixteen Beneficiaries dependant on this charity for their immediate support, your Committee were compelled to commence their work by obtaining a loan of four hundred dollars. Having thus entered upon their duties under circumstances so embarrassing, your Committee were soon encouraged with such contributions and assistance as enabled them to go on without further serious difficulty. By receiving and appropriating the income of the three scholarships belonging to the Seminary, by the sums contributed by various churches, associations and individuals, and by occasional loans your Committee have been able to give the necessary aid to all your Beneficiaries, to repay the loan of \$400 above mentioned, and also to pay \$120, 98 which had been advanced to Beneficiaries in 1837, being one of the debts contracted by the former Agent.

In relation to the notes and other demands, for the payment of which they became responsible, it affords your Committee great satisfaction to state that all those outstanding debts are well nigh extinguished.

The Ladies Education Society of Augusta, has generously given up the note of \$500 as a donation to the cause. By the active efforts of the Rev. S. S. Davis, an amount has been collected sufficient to pay Rev. Mr. Safford his account of \$211 leaving in Brother Davis' hands the sum of \$862 towards cancelling the note held by Mr. Campbell. So that the whole amount of debts assumed by your Committee in November last, nearly \$2000, has been discharged excepting a balance of \$218 still due on the note held by Mr. Campbell, and a demand of Mr. Newton of Athens, of \$120 for cash advanced. The number of Beneficiaries, during the year, has been sixteen, viz: Eleven in the Seminary, two of whom have been supported by funds which have not passed through the hands of your Committee, and the remaining nine have received \$200 each with one exception who has received only \$75. Two in the South Carolina College, who have received \$200 each—one at Davidson College who has received \$100,



and two at Mr. Safford's school for whom \$211 have been paid by Brother Davis. It affords your committee great pleasure to report that all your Beneficiaries have, by an exemplary deportment, and by diligence and prudence, adorned their Christian profession and won the respect and favour of the community ; thus affording the cheering prospect that they will become able and devoted Ministers of Christ, richly repaying the churches for all their benefactions.

In conclusion your committee would express their gratified sense of the divine goodness, and would doubtly say, hitherto hath the Lord helped us. The experience of the past should encourage Synod in prosecuting this good work. And as there is a prospect of more than twenty Beneficiaries for the coming year, all the funds of our Zion should be animated to increased exertions and liberality.

From the report of Mr. Law Treasurer of your committee, the statement of the Rev. S. S. Davis, it appears that the receipts and disbursements of the past year are as follows :

Contributions received including the income of the three scholarships and also \$50 refunded by a former Beneficiary,	\$2057 50
Collected by Rev. S. S. Davis, to be appropriated towards payment of the note for \$1000 held by Mr. Campbell,	862 00
Amount paid for the support of Beneficiaries including \$120 98 to Professor Howe for cash advanced,	2144, 98

The transactions therefore of your Committee, and the present state of the Education cause within your bounds may be briefly and comprehensively stated as follows :

The amount of debts assumed and of expenditures incurred by your committee is,	\$4055 98
On which there has been paid the sum of	3610 98

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Balance,	\$445, 00
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So that the only debts now due are a balance of \$218 on the note held by Mr. Campbell, \$120 to Mr. Newton of Athens, and a balance due to Mr. Law for monies loaned to the committee of \$167, making in all \$445.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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## THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SOUTHERN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

*As adopted by the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, December 1833, and amended by the Board at its Annual Meeting, November 1838.*

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be called "*The Southern Board of Foreign Missions.*"

ART. II. The object of this Board shall be in connexion with the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, to promote within its bounds in all Scriptural ways, the Missionary Spirit, and to extend through every part of the earth, not contemplated in the plans of American Domestic Missionary Boards and Societies, the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ART. III. The Board shall consist of three classes of members :

1. *Delegated Members*, who shall be appointed by this Synod, electing six Ministers and six Lay-members of the Church, from each of the States composing this Synod ; one third of whom shall go out of office annually, but be re-eligible ; the first *four* on the list, (*two* Ministers and *two* Laymen) from each State or Synod, in alphabetical order, to go out at the end of the first year ; the next *four* of like description, at the end of the second year, and subsequent-

ly, according to priority of election. The *Delegated Members* alone shall have the right of voting at any meeting of the Board.

2. *Honorary Members*, who shall become such by paying into the Treasury at one time, if a Clergyman, *fifty* dollars, if other persons, *one hundred* dollars, and shall have the right of attending and assisting in all the deliberations of the Board.

3. *Corresponding Members*, consisting of all Members and Officers of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions. This Board may also, if at any time it shall be thought proper, elect *Corresponding Members*, residing in the United States or elsewhere. It shall be the privilege of this class of members also, to attend the meetings and participate in the deliberations of the Board, and their duty to communicate from time to time any information, which may promise usefulness to the Board. Certificates of membership shall be given—to *Delegated Members*, attested by the Clerk of the Synod appointing them—to *Honorary Members*, by the Treasurer of the Board, and by the Secretary, to those persons who shall be at any time *elected Corresponding Members*.

ART. IV. The officers of the Board shall be, a President and one Vice-President from each of the Synods, or States co-operating and an Executive Committee of seven who need not be members of the Board, a Secretary, a Treasurer, two Auditors, and such other officers as shall from time to time be found necessary; all of whom shall be chosen by the Board annually, by ballot, and shall continue in office until successors are appointed.

It shall be the duty of the President, and in his absence, of the oldest Vice President, and in the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, of the oldest member present, to preside at all meetings of the Board, and to perform such other acts as shall, at any time, be assigned him by the Board.

The Executive Committee shall have the charge and management of the various interests and operations of

the Board, shall take all proper measures to create and cherish the Missionary Spirit, within the bounds of the Synod united in the organization ; to bring forward suitable Missionaries, and ascertain their individual qualifications ; to bring all the Churches to contribute regularly and liberally to the great cause of Missions ; to direct and sustain the Secretary and Treasurer in the performance of all their duties ; to appoint such other Agents as may be needful in the prosecution of the work given them in charge ; and to report to the Board at its regular annual meeting, a full account of their proceedings. They shall meet at least once in each month, and as much oftener as the business committed to them may require. Three members shall constitute a quorum at any regular meeting. They shall appoint a Chairman and Clerk, and keep an accurate and full record of their proceedings, and may adopt for themselves any by-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution, or the by-laws of the Board.

The Secretary shall devote himself to the business of the Board, from which he shall receive a competent support, to be fixed by the Executive Committee. He shall record all the proceedings of the Board—shall, unless the Executive Committee otherwise direct, prepare the annual report—shall conduct or superintend the correspondence of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, and shall act as General Agent within the limits of the Board, for the general, and permanent, and vigorous growth of the purposes of this organization. The Secretary may also be the Agent of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions within the limits of this Board.

The Treasurer shall take charge of all the moneys paid into the Treasury of the Board, and give receipts therefor, and keep safely all the funds, notes, bonds, and other evidences of property, paying out moneys only by order of the Executive Committee, taking proper vouchers for all sums so paid out, and keeping a fair and accurate account of all receipts and expenditures. He shall make a full and accurate report to the

: Board at each annual meeting, properly audited, of the receipts and disbursements during the year, and make a monthly exhibit of the state of the funds to the Executive Committee, and whenever required by the Committee, exhibit his books, accounts, vouchers, and evidences of property. He shall be required by the Committee to give bond for the faithful execution of his trust, and may receive a suitable compensation to be fixed by the Committee. The Auditors shall examine the books and vouchers of the Treasurer thoroughly and particularly, at least once a year; if they shall find his accounts correctly kept, and accurately cast, and the payments well vouched, the balances satisfactorily accounted for, and the evidences of property duly exhibited, they shall give a certificate accordingly, which certificate they shall enter at large on the Treasurer's books, and shall cause a duplicate to be sent to the Board, with the Treasurer's annual report.

ART. V. There shall be maintained as far as possible, the most perfect harmony and co-operation between this Board and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, in the prosecution of the great work in which both Boards are engaged.—The Missionaries raised up, and licensed, and ordained, and the helpers in the direct work of Foreign Missions brought forward within the limits of this Board, shall, in ordinary cases, be commissioned as Foreign Missionaries, and assigned to their fields of labor, and be directed in their work by the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, and the funds of this Board, after defraying the necessary expenses of its own operations, shall ordinarily be paid over to the Prudential Committee, to be by them applied in the prosecution of the work entrusted to their management. The funds may, if the Executive Committee shall see fit, be appropriated to any one or more of the Missions established by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, in which case particular accounts will be expected by the Executive Committee of the state and progress of those Missions, at least once in



each year, and the Missionaries at those stations will be expected to correspond with the Secretary of this Board.

ART. VI. The Annual meeting of this Board shall be held at the time and place of the annual meetings of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia.

At the annual meeting the reports of the Executive Committee, and of the Treasurer and Auditors, shall be made, officers shall be chosen for the year, and the necessary business transacted, and such exercises had in connection with the meeting, as shall seem best adapted to contribute effectually to the promotion of the objects of the organization.

Special meetings of the Board, when necessary, may be called, and the time and place of the meeting fixed by the Executive Committee. At all meetings of the Board, *five* members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. VII. Any part of this Constitution, not touching the relations of this Board to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, may be altered by the Board at every annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Other alterations shall be made by a vote of two-thirds of the members composing a session of the Synod.



